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Mr. Julius Genachowski, Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> St. SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Genachowski,

As an active member of the Swedeborg School Board, providing rural school children in Missouri with the best in technology is very important to me. Unfortunately, today this is not a possibility for many rural school districts and it certainly isn't affordable, especially for rural schools that struggle financially.

LightSquared, a broadband wireless company that wants to introduce next-generation wireless service with a satellite backup system across the country, can provide rural students with the top-notch education they need to be successful and have an educational experience on par with students in urban schools. Additionally, LightSquared's proposed \$14 billion investment in a nationwide network will employ thousands of workers while bringing state-of-the-art high-speed wireless capacity to at least 92% of the country over the next several years.

I am passionate about this effort because I choose to raise my family on a farm in a rural area and I believe my children and those in our school district deserve the same opportunities as children in more populated areas receive. LightSquared will provide rural students with the opportunity to access tools and information with an ease and speed unprecedented by any other telecommunication service to date.

Finally, it has come to my attention that LightSquared's plans may be delayed by complaints regarding GPS signal interference. LightSquared has worked cooperatively with the GPS industry and the FCC to ensure there are no interference issues and is committed to a robust satellite system for all users. While I know how important GPS signals are to the rural community, I want to encourage the FCC to resolve any and all outstanding issues very soon so our communities and telecommunication infrastructure can begin to benefit from LightSquared's investments immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Greg Black", written in a cursive style.

Greg Black, Member  
Swedeborg School Board